

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Reliability Readiness Reviews

Docket No. PL04-13-000

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(August 27, 2004)

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will host a technical conference on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 to discuss Reliability Readiness Reviews that are being conducted by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC). The workshop will be held at the Commission's Washington, DC headquarters, 888 First St., NE, 20426. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:30 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 2-C. The Commissioners may attend and participate.

The goal of the technical conference is to offer a public progress report on the Reliability Readiness Reviews conducted by NERC, in which FERC staff participated, since the August 14, 2003 blackout. Audit reports are available on the NERC website. The conference will report on what these reviews reveal about the overall "readiness" of the nation's reliability coordinators and control areas, and the strengths and weaknesses of the review process as implemented to date. A draft agenda is included as Attachment A to this Notice. The final agenda will be made available at a later time.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and preregistration is not required. There will be no on-line registration established for this event; on-site attendees may simply attend on the day of the event.

Transcripts of the conference will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) the next business day. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live over the Internet, by phone or via satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection website at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC."

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Secretary

**Attachment A**

**Reliability Readiness Reviews  
September 29, 2004  
AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m.            Introductions
- 9:15 a.m.            Reliability Assessment
- Audit Results
  - Actual Grid Performance
- 10:00 a.m.           Reliability/Capability Trends and Patterns
- Tools
  - Strengths and weaknesses
  - Identifying and Institutionalizing Best Practices
- 11:00 a.m.           The Audit Process
- What Worked
  - What Didn't Work
  - What's Changing
- 12:00 p.m.           Stakeholder and Audience Participation
- 12:30 p.m.           Adjourn